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APPLICANT: S. Hinuma et al.

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Applicants respond as follows to the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action dated June 28, 1999.

Applicants hereby elect Group III which presently includes claims 5-9, without traverse. Applicants also hereby elect the species corresponding to the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 56, without traverse. The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any